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Dunwoody Opens New City Hall



On May 10, 2009, Dunwoody city government completed its move into the City's permanent residence – 41 Perimeter Center East, an office tower located near Perimeter Mall. City Hall now occupies the first two floors of the building, with the Police Department and Municipal Court Services on the first floor and City Hall on the second floor. City officials chose the site because of access convenience for our residents and visitors and for the cost savings. The City negotiated a ten-year lease on the property, including rent-free office space for the remainder of 2009 – an overall savings of approximately \$800,000. "We are pleased with this site selection. By far, this was the most economical choice for the City in office space that would meet our needs and be convenient for our citizens and other stakeholders", said Mayor Ken Wright. Dunwoody officials conducted a search of more than 30 properties, narrowing the search to 11 finalists and the "final four" properties.

City of Dunwoody

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From the Desk of Mayor Wright



With our police force now active, you will notice brand new police cars patrolling the streets of Dunwoody. Our very own Dunwoody police force is diligently executing its duties. I have watched the progress and I am so pleased with the caliber of professionals that comprise the Police Department. As you may know, our Police Chief Billy Grogan is a seasoned professional who previously served as Deputy Chief in the City of Marietta. The Chief has built a team of some of the most highly qualified personnel in law enforcement. The men and women in Dunwoody's police force are here to protect and serve our community - our residents, businesses and visitors.

When we assumed the reins of police services from DeKalb County, we did so with a keen awareness that some crimes had increased over previous months. Nevertheless, we are confident that we will increase the level of public safety within the City of Dunwoody. Meanwhile, please remember that you have a role to play in the well being of our City. Always drive safely, obey the traffic laws, slow down within our limits, and be courteous and extra cautious to bikers, kids, and pedestrians.

While Council doesn't wish to see the police hand out tickets excessively, the police are here to do a job, and will not hesitate to cite motorists who speed through neighborhoods and school zones, run red lights and stop signs, or endanger pedestrians. Yet we know that good policing is more than crime fighting. It's also providing proactive interaction with neighborhoods, homeowners associations, and community groups, which the police department will do in the coming months. We look forward to hearing from our citizens on ways our police can be more involved as we all work together for the betterment of the City of Dunwoody.

About the Mayor: Years resided in Dunwoody: 15. **Profession:** CEO of eHealthcareIT, a health care e-learning & learning management system company. **Goals for the City:** Lay the proper foundation for a vibrant future, Create a pedestrian & bicycle friendly city.

Speeders Beware

Speeders beware! The Dunwoody Police Department has their eye on you. Dunwoody PD has set their sights on speed-hungry drivers racing down busy streets and tree-lined neighborhoods. The department has deployed a new state of the art speed trailer to combat excessive speeding. The trailer will be making appearances in specially selected locations around the city to collect information about the drivers that pass through the area.

Speeding is one of the most prevalent complaints received by the Dunwoody Police Department. "We hope, with the use of the speed trailer, to bring awareness of excessive speed to the citizens of Dunwoody and others who travel through our City," said Officer William Furman.

At the end of May, the trailer was set up on the corner of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road and Redfield Road. Over the three day period the trailer was deployed it counted the passage of over 4800 vehicles with an average speed of 45



miles per hour. Over 80% of the motorists passing this location were clocked speeding with a maximum speed recorded of 100 miles per hour. The safety of all Dunwoody motorists and pedestrians is of the utmost importance to the Dunwoody PD. With this and other programs, the streets of Dunwoody will be safer for everyone.

City Council Corner



Denis "Denny" Shortal
City Council Post 1
(District 1 Local)

Mayor Pro Tem

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Years resided (or worked) in Dunwoody: 22

Profession: Retired Marine and Airline Pilot

Priorities for City: To enhance the quality of life of all our citizens across the entire spectrum through better zoning and land use, being fiscally conservative to keep taxes low while enhancing services, having a police force that protect our citizens and affords the citizens peace of mind, and to have an efficient and responsive city government.



Robert Wittenstein
City Council Post 4
(District 1 At Large)

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Years resided (or worked) in Dunwoody: 21

Profession: Vice President of Software Development for a healthcare company

Priorities for City: Provide small, transparent government; deliver services that exceed expectations through a public/private partnership; provide superior services without a tax increase; work with DeKalb County to transfer parks and other properties into Dunwoody so we can invest in them; develop a comprehensive long-range plan.



Adrian Bonser
City Council Post 2
(District 2 Local)

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Years resided (or worked) in Dunwoody: 17

Profession: Dentist and Registered Nurse

Priorities for City: Working on traffic calming in Village Mill; improving safety for kids going to and from school; improving the RFP process; implementing strict zoning guidelines; keeping taxes low; supporting a strong police force; and developing a comprehensive land use plan.



Danny Ross
City Council Post 5
(District 2 At Large)

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Years resided (or worked) in Dunwoody: 33

Profession: Venture Capitalist (Retired)

Priorities for City: Brook Run Master Plan; theater renovation to include a Center for Performing Arts; establish a Farm-Life Museum at the Donaldson-Chesnut Farm; redevelop Dunwoody Village into a live-work-play Town Center; establish bike lanes to make Dunwoody bikeable/walkable; establish Convention and Visitor Bureau; collaborate with DeKalb School system.



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John Heneghan
City Council Post 6
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Years resided (or worked) in Dunwoody: 12

Profession: Senior Manager, US Department of Transportation

Priorities for City: Transparency and citizen interaction in the rule making process; more playground benches in Brook Run and permanent benches in the dog park.

Community

Dunwoody Woman's Club encourages involvement



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By Triphenya Bailey -- Members of the Dunwoody Woman's Club (DWC) have dedicated themselves to improving the social, cultural and physical needs of their community for close to four decades. "We're a hands-on club. We are prepared to serve and assist within the community," explained Bev Wingate of the DWC Public Affairs Department. The 122-member club is an affiliate of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the world's oldest and largest non-denominational, non-partisan, international service organization of volunteer women.

The local group's web site (www.dunwoodywomensclub.org) declares that its members' "financial and hands-on service contributions have helped shape the very character of Dunwoody and North DeKalb" over the years. Established in 1971, the DWC is a member of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. Wingate noted, "Dunwoody Woman's Club members are leaders in many organizations in the community and area businesses. We encourage education, information and active participation."

A recent report summarizing DWC members' activities and community involvement in 2008 revealed that 16,000 volunteer hours and \$110,000 in monetary contributions were made in the club's six areas of focus: the arts, conservation, education, home life, international affairs, and public affairs. The main funding event, Dunwoody Tour of Homes, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009. The event includes a tour of four homes and a design and decorating seminar. For details, see www.dunwoodywomensclub.org.

Upcoming Events

**October 7, 2009
Tour of Homes
Dunwoody Woman's Club**

Bring your friends and neighbors to tour four spectacular Dunwoody homes. Proceeds from the tour support the DWC's numerous service projects and programs.

For more information visit the
DWC website:

www.dunwoodywomensclub.org



**July 18, 2009
Concert in the Park
Dunwoody Nature Center
6:00 pm-8:00 pm**

Featuring:
Amon & Cina
Sherriff

Bring your
chairs, blankets,
and picnics for
a family-friendly evening of
music and storytelling in the
meadow.



FREE to DNC members and kids 2 years and under; 3-years and up: \$5 each. For more information call (770) 394-3322.

**July 17, 2009 -
August 9, 2009
Stage Door Players
Present: *Pippin***

Once upon a time, young prince Pippin longed to discover the secret of true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power. Finally, he finds it in the simple pleasures of home and family. The show bursts with one show stopping number after another.

To purchase tickets, call the box
office (770) 396-1726
or visit www.stagedoorplayers.net
for more information.